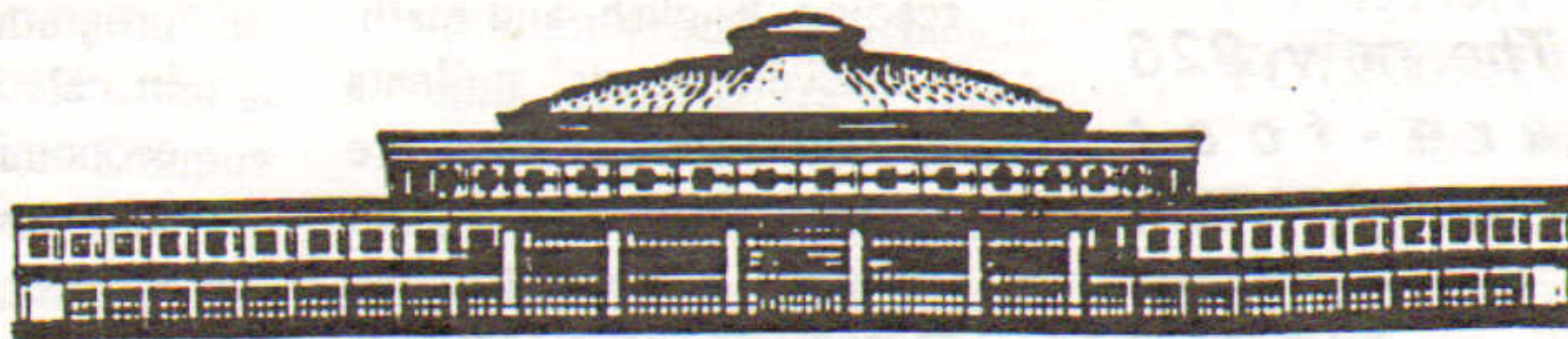


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THIS MONTH ON CAMPUS

WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY, JANUARY 15 AND 16

DROP AND ADD

11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Skyland Campus

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16

ASSET TEST

Skyland Campus
12 noon

JANUARY 20

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. BIRTHDAY

College closed.

JANUARY 21

QUALITY COUNCIL

3:30 p.m.
Wellness Center - Skyland

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22

SI TEAM #1

3:30 p.m. Room 407
Skyland Campus

TUESDAY, JANUARY 28

VPAC

10 A.M.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 30

ASSET TEST

Skyland Campus
5:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 31

CASUAL DAY

FRIDAY, JANUARY 31

SI Team #2

11 a.m. Room 1112
New Campus

FACES AND PLACES

* Shelton's truck driver training instructors and program were recently recognized by the West Alabama Food Bank board of directors and member agencies for transporting 17 loads of urgently needed food to the hungry in our community during 1996.

The program picks up donated food at various docks and warehouses across the state and delivers the food to the West Alabama Food Bank in Tuscaloosa. The pickup and delivery have been incorporated into the highway portion of the students' training to give them the opportunity to deal

with cargo pickup, documentation, delivery, and customer relations under real working conditions. The food is then distributed to over 80 agencies in nine counties and over 7,000 people each month. In 1995 Shelton's truck driver training program was the recipient of the West Alabama Food Bank's Outstanding Service Award.

* Many thanks to Johnny Parker, Randy Jarrell, Beth Englebert, Judy Holland, Wayne Singley, Ted Spring, Rick Shelton and Shelton's maintenance staff for so successfully coordinating the recent Leadership Tuscaloosa program that was held on the college's new campus. Over 40 community leaders attended the two-day session. Leadership Tuscaloosa director Geri Stone has asked that we consider playing host to them again next year for their segment on education.

NEW SUCCESS CENTER OPENS THIS MONTH

*The new 326
square-foot
SUCCESS CENTER
opens January 21 on
Shelton State's new
campus.*

Shelton State's Success Center already has locations on the Skyland and Fredd campuses. With the opening of the center on the new campus, the college will have a staff of 16 tutors to provide individualized instruction in reading, writing, literature, and math. Gina Tinney supervises the Success Center that is open Monday through Friday each week. Deborah Grimes, director of learning resources, oversees Success Center operations.

Shelton opened its learning lab which it named the Success Center several years ago. The purpose of the center is to help students reach their educational goals by strengthening their basic academic competencies.

Through alternate learning programs that address basic competencies, the college offers basic skills and reading labs, tutorial programs and other remedial programs at all grade levels.

Individualized instruction is offered to students in the developmental program in reading, English, and math. All developmental students in English and reading are required to attend lab weekly. Placement at the appropriate developmental level is decided by scores received on the ASSET standardized placement test given to all new students.

Students scoring between 23-32 on the ASSET are placed in English 091 where they work on the basic parts of a sentence. Students who score between 33-37 on the ASSET are placed in English 092 where they improve their skills in writing paragraphs. Students whose ASSET scores fall between 38-41 are placed in English 093 where they learn to write essays.

Students scoring between 23-28 in the reading comprehension portion of the ASSET are given a Nelson-Denny test to decide their reading levels. Students placed in reading 084 are reading at the sixth to ninth grade level. Those students placed in 085 are reading at the ninth to 11 grade level.

During this past semester, almost 8900 student visits occurred at the lab. There

are 70 computers available for the students to use. There are also computer programs available in the lab in calculus, algebra, micro economics, nursing, history, statistics, computer science, Spanish, nutrition, study skills, resume writing, reading comprehension and basic grammar. Software programs include Lotus 123, WordPerfect 6.1 for Windows, Microsoft Office Professional, and Lotus WordPro.

SHELTON RECEIVES SEVERAL NEW GRANTS

Shelton State recently received \$1,636,250 in grants from the state and federal governments for the construction and operation of the college's new campus. The money from the grants will be used in activities ranging from landscaping to equipping training programs.

Three of the new grants will be used to construct bicycle trails, sidewalks, and landscaping for the new campus. A \$9,000 grant from the Alabama Forestry Commission, which was matched with \$9,000 in local funding for a total of \$18,000, was made through the Urban and Community Forestry Grant Program. This federal program was

established through The America the Beautiful program and funded in part through the 1990 Farm Bill. The purpose of this grant is to prepare a Master Campus Tree Planting Plan for Shelton's new campus.

The college's 170-acre site contains two lakes, wetlands and a portion of Duck Creek and offers many opportunities for new tree plantings, according to Shelton President Tom Umphrey. Funds from the Alabama Forestry Commission were used to conduct a detailed site study to decide appropriate areas and spaces for trees and landscaping.

Some recommendations include planting specific trees throughout the campus, such as evergreen, flowering, shade, and street trees, along with other suitable plant materials.

Environmental issues associated with campus development were also addressed in the plan.

A \$285,000 grant for tree planting and other landscaping was also funded through the Alabama Highway Department using federal funds that are set aside for projects relating to landscaping and non-vehicle transportation.

Shelton received another grant from the highway department to be used for the construction of bicycle and pedestrian trails. This grant was for \$206,250 and includes \$165,000 in federal funds. The remaining funds were from local sources.

Besides the bicycle and pedestrian trails, money from this grant will be used for signs and lighting. The bicycle and pedestrian trails cover 1.75 miles, running through the open spaces and recreation areas to the main academic and office building and to all the parking areas up to Alabama Highway 69.

Besides providing additional recreational areas, these new pedestrian and bicycle trails will provide a pedestrian linkage through campus and an alternate transportation route.

Shelton also received \$1,019,400 through the Appalachian Regional Commission and the Tennessee Valley Authority. Money from these grants will be used to purchase new equipment for the instruction areas and training programs. These grants were matched with \$107,600 from local sources for a total of \$1,127,000.

NEW DIRECTOR SOUGHT FOR THE SHELTON STATE FOUNDATION

The Shelton State Foundation is currently taking applications for director of the college's foundation. The Shelton State Foundation is a 501(C)3 whose purpose is to support Shelton State Community College. The position is a full-time position and requires a minimum of a bachelor's degree in an appropriate field with knowledge and experience in fund raising, strategic planning, budget and office management and a knowledge of Tuscaloosa County and the West Alabama area.

Applications will be taken through January 31. If you know of someone who is interested in the position, please ask them to contact the Shelton State Foundation office, 391-2298. The salary range will commensurate with experience.

**MISS SHELTON
STATE PAGEANT
SCHEDULED
THE 1997 MISS
SHELTON STATE
PAGEANT IS
SCHEDULED FOR**

**FEBRUARY 28 AT 7 P.M.
IN THE SKYLAND
CAMPUS AUDITORIUM.**

This will be the last Miss Shelton State Pageant to be held on this campus.

The winner will represent the college in the Miss Alabama Pageant that will be held in Birmingham in June. The winner of the Miss Alabama Pageant will travel to Atlantic City, New Jersey, in August to compete for Miss America.

This is a scholarship pageant for young women and offers scholarships and prizes to the winners. Deadline to enter the Miss Shelton State Pageant is Friday, January 31. Lisa Matherson is serving as chair of the entries committee and applications may be obtained from her office on the Skyland Campus or by calling her at ext. 3903.

Additional information may also be obtained by contacting Glinda Blackshear or Scarlet Walker who is directing the pageant this year.

**NEWS FROM NEW
OPTIONS**

Before Christmas Paula Sue Hayes, director of the New Options program,

requested assistance from the faculty and staff in order to help provide Christmas gifts for children of New Options participants as well as to help pay the heating bills of some of the women in New Options.

According to Hayes, the response was so gratifying that gifts were given to all young children and an overflow of presents was taken to Community Services before Christmas. Three women also had heat in their homes thanks to people from Shelton State. A special thanks also to Party 'n Things for many items they donated.

Also, the New Options alumnae have become an active organization led by Sadie Hendrix and helped by Elizabeth Barner. This group wrapped the gifts and contacted the mothers for the Christmas project.

New Options women enjoyed two Christmas events at Hayes' home, one in the midst of the Christmas snow. Many thanks to Shelton's faculty and staff for all their support.

**NEWS FROM ADULT
STUDENTS**

Meeting regularly over the past few months, a group of retired community leaders has put together the structure for a new non-credit program at the college, one designed especially for people over 55 years of age. As part of Shelton's community outreach, the new program has been named the "Lifetime Learning Institute." A volunteer board composed of community leaders advises the program.

As part of the new program, adult students can take any or all of five new selected courses this spring at the college for a \$10 yearly membership fee plus a \$35 semester fee. There are no formal requirements of membership, other than an interest in continued learning. Students do not have to be retired or hold any special academic or experience requirements.

For more information on the program contact the continuing education office, 391-2360, or Fran Viselli, 391-2465.